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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

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I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The downing of the Iranian airbus by the USS Vincennes on 3 July prompted varied Southern Cone government reaction. Numerous immediate items were filed, including a report by the Iranian ambassador to Brazil saying that U.S. companies in Brazil were possible targets for terrorist attacks. A round-up of this and other reaction was filed in response to a headquarters request.

2. On 26 July, Brazilian President Jose Sarney addressed the nation rejecting the new constitution currently being written by the constituent assembly. The bureau remained open past normal COB to cover and file speech.

3. On 28 July, Peruvian President Alan Garcia addressed the nation on the 167th anniversary of Peruvian independence. The speech was of considerable interest due to a recent Garcia speech during which he reportedly expressed his "admiration" for the dedication of the Shining Path terrorists. The bureau covered the speech with numerous FYI's and filed excerpts of it.

B. Communications

1. In a much-anticipated event, on 29 July the bureau officially sent out its last paper-tape message. Contractors Harry Nanejian and Jim Racz installed transmit hardware and software in the bureau's communications section and trained communications operators in its use.

C. Cruising

1. Cruising monitor observed a new television network called Rede Amazonica off the 65.0W Brasilsat SBTSA1 and filed a report on its operations.

2. Schedules of Brazilian Television Educativa and Rede Manchete, also off the 65.0W Brasilsat, were observed and sent to headquarters.

3. Cruising monitor confirmed the location of a new, unidentified satellite, believed to be the 45.0W Panamsat, at 24.53 degrees azimuth and 54.53 degrees elevation. The Atlanta C-Span broadcast at RF 3720 MHz was observed while it was on the air.

4. A new Paraguayan radio network called Sports Friendship Network was reported. Its key station is Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo on 780 kHz.

5. It was also observed that Buenos Aires Telam Radioteletype for the first time carried an item attributed to Andina, Agencia de Noticias Andina, datelined Lima, Peru.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Personnel

1. Senior Editor [redacted] and family departed Asuncion for Abidjan on 13 July. [redacted] later called the bureau to advise that his connecting flight to the Ivory Coast had been delayed, and he was "stuck" in Rio de Janeiro for 24 hours.

2. Two State Department contractors were in town to conduct a full wage survey and position classification audit. Their findings and recommendations have been forwarded to the State Department and FBIS Headquarters.

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III. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. The 2nd annual auction of departing staffers' odds and ends was conducted in grand style by bureau auctioneer extraordinaire [redacted] Following tradition, [redacted] donated the proceeds of \$185.00 to the Albino Luis Children's home.

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IV. VISITS

1. From 24 to 30 July, contractors Harry Nanejian from Lockheed and Jim Racz from GE installed the bureau's new transmit hardware and software.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

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